

the exemption board in New
has been fired for grafting.

Middlesboro district 15,000
lines struck Saturday on a de-
that the union be recognized.

Champ Clark says the country is in
the need of a new national song.
Sing it to the tune of Dixie and the
words are not important.

Distilling stops Sept. 9 and corn
as already dropped 31 cents a bush-
l. Wheat is also rapidly approach-
ing the \$2 mark.

Now that military titles are getting
common and should mean something,
suppose we cut out the complimen-
ary frills and let the highest un-
rned title be Mister.

Paducah has passed an ordinance
requiring dimmers on all auto head-
lamps. Hopkinsville is behind many
other cities in regulating the nuisance
and dimmed headlights.

Twenty-three German vessels with
aggregate tonnage of 84,000, seized
near Philippine ports will be used
for inter-island trade as soon as re-
quired. A few are already in com-
mission.

The joke is on the Government so
far as two Hopkinsville boys are con-
cerned. Herschel Long and Ellis
Melton, summoned for examination,
are already in, decorated with nice
new shoulder straps.

Viscount Ischii, head of the Japanese
mission, at a banquet given him as he
was starting for America, said a new
era of friendly relations between
Japan and the United States will grow
out of the present Alliance, in spite
of German efforts to create discord.

Measures to control the sale and
price of wheat and flour under the
control law will be announced
next week from Washington. Meat
and dairy products will come next.
The commodity will be taken at a
drastic measures will not be
if co-operation plans have

A Canadian party had land mines ex-
ploded in front of them near a crater
which was the scene of lively fight-
ing. Unchecked by these explosions,
they pushed on and encountered an
enemy patrol of thirteen men who
took shelter in a dugout. Only two
answered the call to surrender and
the others were killed in the destruc-
tion of the dug out.

A bill appropriating \$100,000,000
for camps to rehabilitate men rejected
for any service because of curable
physical disability was introduced by
Senator Pomerene. Officers would
be assigned by the war department
for the training of the men and they
would be given such medical atten-
tion as necessary until the physical
disability had been removed.

Newly commissioned men at the
officers' reserve training camp at Ft.
Benjamin Harrison made a gala day
of their "commencement." Govern-
ors of three of the four states from
which the four thousand student offi-
cers are drawn witnessed a review of
young men—Cox of Ohio, Stan-
Kentucky and Goodrich of In-
Gov. Cornwell of West Vir-
was unable to be present.

The will of Mrs. Robert Worth
Ham, formerly Mrs. Henry M.
Ham, disposing of an estate esti-
mated at eighty millions, was prob-
ed in West Palm Beach, Florida,
Wednesday. It was stated a codicil
leaving five millions to Judge Bing-
ham, of Louisville, will be probated
in Kentucky. Two executors who
are to get \$50,000 each for 21 years
located and hastened the action. Lit-
igation is expected over the state in-
heritance taxes.

A child at Lebanon, Ky., got caught
in the railings of its cradle and was
found strangled to death.

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Government May Take Over Entire Wheat Crop

WILL PUT END TO ALL SPECULATION

**Buying Agencies Will Be Es-
tablished and Flour Mills
Operated Under License.**

GOES INTO EFFECT SEPT. 1

**American Producer and Con-
sumer Will be Protected
and Prices Stabilized.**

Washington, Aug. 13.—The food
administration has announced its plan
for controlling wheat, flour and
bread, revealing that the government
is prepared to take over the whole
1917 wheat harvest if necessary to
conserve the supply, obtain just prices
for America's fighting forces and
their allies and reduce costs to the
general public in the United States.

Establishing of buying agencies at
all the principal terminals, licensing
of elevators and mills, fixing of a
price to be considered fair, regulation
of the middleman and of grain ex-
changes, with the elimination of trad-
ing in future, are the chief features of
the plan. The licensing will begin
Sept. 1.

The minimum price of \$2 for wheat
fixed by congress does not become
effective until next year, but the ad-
ministration proposes to exercise a
very thorough control over this year's
crop through powers conferred under
the food and export control bills.

Concerning the price of flour the
order says:

"Furthermore, the holding of
wheat or flour contracts by persons
not engaged in the trade and even
when in trade in larger quantities
than is necessary for the ordinary
course of their business is unlawful
under the act and such cases will be
prosecuted with vigor.

"We would advise such holders to
liquidate their contracts at once.

STABILIZE PRICE OF WHEAT.

"By the above arrangement, we
believe that we shall stabilize the
price of wheat throughout the year;
that the hazards of operation due to
fluctuation in prices, which are im-
posed upon our milling and distribut-
ing community, will be eliminated
and, therefore, their business can re-
turn to the normal lines and the nor-
mal margins of profit, and that we
shall not only have stabilized the price
of wheat, but stabilized the price of
flour, and that it should enable us to
arrive at a stabilized price of bread.

"The food administration has the
patriotic co-operation of the leading
millers of the country and these mil-
lars have organized, at the request of
the food administration, a committee
to represent the entire trade. Detail-
ed proposals for an agreed differen-
tial of profit and expenses per barrel
of flour and per ton of feed are under
discussion.

EQUITABLE PRICE FOR PUBLIC.

"Under this arrangement the public
will be assured an equitable and sta-
bilized price of flour, based upon the
cost of raw materials, and we confi-
dently expect a volunteer arrange-
ment with the mills which will give
satisfaction to the public.

"The universal endeavor over the
country to reduce consumption of
wheat breadstuffs in order that we
may have the requisite exports with
which to carry the allies over the
forthcoming winter, will result in a
largely increased amount of wheat
available for export. If it were ex-
ported as wheat, it would result in
diminution of employment in our mills
and, of equal importance, curtailment
of mill feed for our dairy cattle.
Therefore, the food administration
will stipulate for a large proportion of
export of flour instead of wheat and
as the export orders for flour will be
given subject to the approval of the
food administration, those mills which
co-operate with the administration

FOOD CONTROL GIVEN HOOVER

**First Orders Will Concern
Wheat and Bread—Next
Meat and Dairy Foods.**

**BUSINESS MAN'S AID SURE
New Controller Promises Ev-
ery Effort to Correct Price
Abuses During the War.**

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Ameri-
can government assumed control of
the country's food supply with the
signing by President Wilson of the
administration food survey and regu-
latory bills.

Formal announcement of Herbert
Hoover's appointment as food admin-
istrator was made at the white house
soon after the measures were ap-
proved and then Mr. Hoover set forth
the aims of the food administration
in a statement declaring its purpose
will be to stabilize and not to disturb
conditions.

Every effort will be made to cor-
rect price abuses made possible by
abnormal times, Mr. Hoover said,
but drastic measures will not be at-
tempted until it is seen the purposes
of the administration cannot be ac-
complished through constructive co-
operation with food producing and
distributing industries.

The very existence of corrective
powers, Mr. Hoover declared, will
tend to check speculation and price
inflation.

"The business men of the country,
I am convinced," says Mr. Hoover's
statement, "as a result of many hun-
dreds of conferences with representa-
tives of the great sources of food
supply realize their own patriotic ob-
ligation and the solemnity of the
situation and will fairly and gener-
ously co-operate in meeting the national
emergency. The two measures sign-

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ANOTHER BATCH TO REPORT

**List of 250 More Conscripts
Summoned For Thurs-
day and Friday.**

A new list of 250 conscripts, from
301 to 550 in rotation, have been or-
dered to report for examination, 125
Thursday and 125 Friday, at the court
room. Of these, 106, or nearly half
are from Hopkinsville, and the others
from all parts of the county, many
of them colored. Prominent
young city men summoned include L.
A. Draper, Lieut. Ellis J. Melton,
Herman Johnson, Guy E. Barnett,
Robt. B. Waller, Sam P. Elgin, Robt.
C. Dabney and Lieut. Herschel A.
Long. Also in the list is Raymond C.
Mott, a young man who was a
printer in the Kentuckian office on
June 5, but was last heard from at
Elkhart, Ind. The Kentuckian already
has five former printers in the
service.

will be given the benefit of the ex-
ports employment. By thus encour-
aging the home production of flour,
the manufacturing cost will be re-
duced and, therefore, the American
public will receive indirect benefit in
lowered margins of cost in distribu-
tion."

CAPTURE 6,700 PRISONERS

**Gen. von Mackensen Hits
Russians and Rumanians
Heavily.**

SLAVS FORCED TO RETIRE

**Storms Prevent Extensive At-
tacks in West But Allies
Make Gains.**

Unfavorable weather again has ham-
pered large scale operations in Flan-
ders, but in southern Moldavia the
desperate fighting between the Rus-
so-Rumanians, and the Teutons con-
tinues with increasing ferocity.

Field Marshal von Mackensen is us-
ing strong forces in an endeavor to
break through the entente line toward
the railroad junction of Tecutchiu.
The Russians and Rumanians are re-
sisting valiantly the numerically su-
perior enemy, but have been forced
to give up, at least temporarily, their
positions along the railroad line north
of Fokshani.

A Russo-Rumanian retirement to
the villages of Maraschti and Furtz-
eni, on the Sereth river, is reported
by Petrograd. In counter-attacks
preceding their retreat the Russians
and Rumanians took 1,200 German
prisoners. Berlin says von Macken-
sen's troops withstood strong attacks
and captured more than 6,000 prison-
ers, eighteen cannon and sixty-one
machine guns.

Elsewhere on the eastern front, in
northwestern Rumania, in Bukovina
and in the Russo-Galician frontier,
there has been no marked activity.

The weather was wet and stormy
in Flanders Saturday night and early
Sunday and there was little infantry
activity but the artillery firing con-
tinues to be most intense. In an iso-
lated section north of Lens the British
gained possession of a mine crater
from the Germans.

During Saturday night and Sunday
morning the French recaptured all the
remaining trench elements taken by
the Germans Wednesday night. A
German attack south of Allies and the
A'sne front was repulsed by General
Petain's men. Berlin reports the re-
pulse of French attacks in the region
of Cerny on the same front.

BOMBS BY BOTH SIDES

**French Airmen Retaliate For
German Atrocities—New
Raid on England.**

London, Aug. 13.—About twenty
German airplanes raided the south-
east coast of England Sunday even-
ing. An official statement says that
some bombs were dropped in the
neighborhood of South End, 40 miles
east of London and on the seashore
resort of Margate, 80 miles southeast
of the capital. British aviators pur-
sued the raiders out to sea.

Twenty-three persons, including 9
women and 6 children, were killed
and 50 persons were injured at South
End in Essex, 40 miles east of Lon-
don by bombs dropped by German
raiders, says an official statement is-
sued. Considerable damage to prop-
erty was caused at South End by the
nearly forty bombs dropped upon the
town. Two men were injured at
Rockford.

Two French aviators Sunday drop-
ped bombs on Frankfurt-on-the-
Main, one of the most important cities
of the German empire, having a popu-
lation of more than 300,000. A
French official statement announcing
the raid said it was in retaliation for
the German aerial bombardment of
Nancy and the region north of Paris.
Both French machines returned un-
damaged.

KENTUCKY ELKS HERE TO-DAY IN REUNION

EXPECT CUT IN COAL PRICES

**Any Increase In Cost Consid-
ered Unjustified—Prices
Too High Now.**

**BIG PROFITS REVEALED
Trade Commission and Deal-
ers In Big Debate and
Public Will Profit.**

Washington, Aug. 13.—Coal deal-
ers who increase their prices for an-
thracite more than 10 cents a ton be-
fore September 1 will be considered
by the Federal Trade Commission as
openly declaring "a policy of profit-
eering."

Indications are that bituminous coal
prices will be reduced in the future,
the Commissioner announces.

The statement was issued after a
heated session between the Commis-
sion and representative Washington
coal dealers whose profits, in the
opinion of the Commission, based on
the dealers' own figures, have been
excessive on both bituminous and an-
thracite coal in the last few months.

According to the figures, gross
profits on bituminous coal sometimes
were as high as \$5 a ton and the net
profits on anthracite were \$1.25 to
\$1.35 a ton. These profits were de-
clared unjustified.

The hearing also developed that
there was no coal shortage here last
winter, as was generally believed
and said by the coal dealers.

Weather For Week.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Weather
predictions for the week, beginning
Sunday, issued by the Weather Bu-
reau are: For Ohio Valley and Ten-
nessee: Unsettled weather and showers
probable first half of week; fair latter
half. Temperature below seasonal av-
erage.

BUNCH OF SIXTEEN COLTS

**Shipped from Here to Sara-
toga, N. Y., to be Offered
in Big Sale.**

The annual shipment of race horse
yearlings to Saratoga, N. Y., was
made Saturday afternoon and this lot
of fine stock will be offered for sale
next Friday. There were sixteen
colts in the bunch, of which five be-
long to Williams & Radford, six to
White & Garnett and four to Edgar
Renshaw. John White, Mr. Ren-
shaw and Dr. M. W. Williams, to-
gether with three attendants, accom-
panied the colts and will be present
at the sale.

Campana Sunk.

The Standard Oil tanker Campana,
American steamer, was sunk by a
submarine on the morning of August
6, 143 miles west of Isle De Rose.
Forty-seven survivors reached land
in safety. It is believed that the cap-
tain of the steamer and four of the
armed guard are prisoners on board
the German submarine. The Cam-
pana was the thirty-eighth American
merchant ship destroyed through the
operations of German and Austrian
submarines and raiders since the war
began.

**City Gaily Decorated in An-
ticipation of Large
Crowd Expected.**

PROGRAM FOR 3 DAYS

**Hundreds of Visitors Are Ex-
pected and Program Is
Very Attractive.**

On all the principal streets the Red
Purple and White of the B. P. O. E.
mingled with national flags, are de-
corating the city for the Kentucky
Elks Reunion to-day. The advance
guard began to arrive yesterday and
hundreds are expected to-day.

The public is invited to attend the
opening session at the Tabernacle to-
night.

The program follows:

TUESDAY, AUG. 14.

10:00 a. m.—Assemble at Elks Home.

11:00 a. m.—Concert by Lebkeu-
cher's Band.

1:30 p. m.—Band concert.

4:00 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Reception for
Ladies at Elks Home.

8:00 p. m.—Public meeting at Union
Tabernacle, Past Exalted Ruler
C. R. Clark, presiding.

Music.....Lebkeuecher's Band

Invocation—Rev. Geo. C. Abbott,
Chaplain Hopkinsville Lodge No.
545.

A Word of Greeting—Exalted Ruler
Jos. C. Slaughter, Hopkinsville
Lodge, No. 545.

Selection.....By the Band

Address of Welcome on Behalf of the
city of Hopkinsville—Frank H. Bas-
sett, commissioner.

Solo.....Miss Addie Belle Gray

Address for H. B. M. A.—President
James West.

Violin Solo.....Mrs. A. B. Anderson,
Miss Simpson accompanist.

Address for Hopkinsville Lodge No.
545, B. P. O. Elks—Ira D. Smith.

Music.....Lebkeuecher's Band

Response—Carl A. Wells, Paducah
Lodge No. 217, vice-president Ken-
tucky Reunion Association.

America.....By the Audience

Prof. L. E. Foster leading.

Star Spangled Banner.....By the Band

9:30 p. m.—Opening Ball at Armory.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15.

9:30 a. m.—Band Concert.

10:00 a. m.—Business Session at the Elks
Home.

10:00 a. m.—Ladies' Reception at the
Hotel Latham.

11:30 a. m.—Kentucky Barbecue at
the Pennyroyal Fair Grounds.
Take Shuttle Train at I. C. Sta-
tion.

8:00 p. m.—Elks' Annual Parade.

9:00 p. m.—Concert by Band.

9:30 p. m.—Dancing at Armory.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16.

9:30 a. m.—Band Concert at Elks'
Home.

10:00 a. m.—Business Session at Elks'
Home.

10:30 a. m.—Auto rides to points of
interest.

1:30 a. m.—A little side trip to Lake
Tandy.

4:00 to 6 p. m.—Bridge party for the
ladies at the Elks' Home.

PATRIOTIC RALLY.

7:30 p. m. at Virginia Park.

Past Exalted Ruler C. R. Clark
presiding.

Concert by Lebkeuecher's Band.

Community Singing, led by Prof. L.
E. Foster.

Addresses—By Rev. Lewis Powell,
Jas. Breathitt and T. C. Underwood.

Lost In Gale.

Nineteen Portuguese fishermen, of
Provincetown, Mass., drowned Fri-
day afternoon when their dories were
swamped by a gale off Cape Cod.

Two schooners, with eight men, are
believed to have been lost.